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MEMORANDUM FOR: Executive Advisory Group Members

SUBJECT : Minutes of the 16 November 1976 Executive Advisory Group Meeting

25X1 1. The Executive Advisory Group (EAG) met in a special session on 16 November 1976 to hear a progress report from [] Chairman of the SIGINT Task Force, regarding his negotiations with NSA. A paper entitled "General Principles About CIA SIGINT and the National SIGINT Program," dated 11 November 1976, had been distributed to EAG members prior to the meeting.

25X1 2. Mr. Knoche explained that he had opened negotiations and tabled with Gen. Allen a proposed list of general principles. [] said that his follow-up sessions with NSA officials had then yielded the draft joint CIA/NSA position noted above. He discussed the 12 principles, contrasting them with those in an earlier draft. [] emphasized that much work remained to be done. Negotiations on covert intercept are encouraging; it has been agreed that a joint program will be proposed.

25X1 3. Mr. Knoche said that the goal is to produce a joint CIA/NSA paper for the CFI in January, setting forth agreements and disagreements, so that a DCI position may be formulated and presented to Congress.

25X1 4. Mr. Knoche asked [] to keep EAG informed of significant developments. Subsequent to the meeting, it was agreed that EAG members will meet with [] each Wednesday morning for about 15 minutes to review developments.

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James H. Taylor
Secretary
Executive Advisory Group

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SUBJECT : Minutes of the 16 November 1976 Executive Advisory Group Meeting

1. The Executive Advisory Group (EAG) met on 16 November 1976 to discuss procedures governing the communication of information to Congress, contained in a revision (EAG 11/a) of the paper submitted at the last meeting on Congressional Relations on 28 October. In this revision, procedures for Agency liaison with the Senate Select Committee are broadened into general guidelines for liaison with all Congressional committees. Additionally, Mr. Cary proposed a reorganization and augmentation of his Office, to include a Coordination Review Staff and a Registry to provide central control of information flow to Congress.

2. Mr. Cary explained that the guidelines are intended to keep the information flow within channels and to assure that we reply to Congress as efficiently and consistently as possible.

3. Several modifications were suggested: Mr. Knoche asked Mr. Cary to include in the guidelines mention of the need for OLC to coordinate its record-keeping with the FOIA records system, so that we may keep track of materials released by the Agency on a more integrated basis. The wording of the proposed guidelines and of the draft Employee Bulletin should be softened, to avoid overly rigid controls which might handicap special arrangements and provoke Congressional irritation. It was agreed that in respect to the House Appropriations Committee's Surveys and Investigations Staff, OLC should henceforth be notified of all contacts made and no papers should be passed to the Staff except through OLC. The guidelines should include specific mention of procedures applying to the Operations Advisory Group.

4. Mr. Knoche asked that the guidelines describe how our strategy regarding Congress will be defined, bearing in mind our need to build Congressional understanding and support of CIA's missions. He believed EAG should then look at this question periodically, perhaps quarterly.

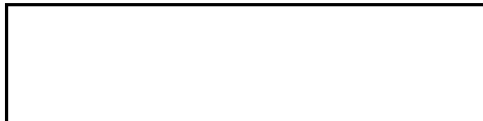
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5. In regard to Mr. Cary's request for 17 additional positions, Mr. Knoche noted that the only way he can currently find positions is by taking them from others. He suggested that only a portion of the slots, about eight, be granted at this time. Messrs. Cary and Taylor should work this out and determine the professional/clerical mix and staff locations. The request for an EP-level position should be incorporated into FY 1979 planning. The physical space problem will then have to be addressed with Mr. Blake.

6. Mr. Knoche asked that OLC send the final version of the papers through him and Admiral Murphy for approval by the DCI. OLC should alert Congress to the existence of the new guidelines but not seek Congressional approval of them.



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Secretary
Executive Advisory Group

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